# Town of Bedford Drinking Water System Hydro-Fracking Risks

#### Bedford Consolidated Water District

- Current water supply issues Limited available water supply quantity due to loss of wells from contaminants such as nitrates, chlorides, and manganese
  - Risk of loss of other wells if contaminant levels increase further, resulting in inadequate available supply

## **Options Considered**

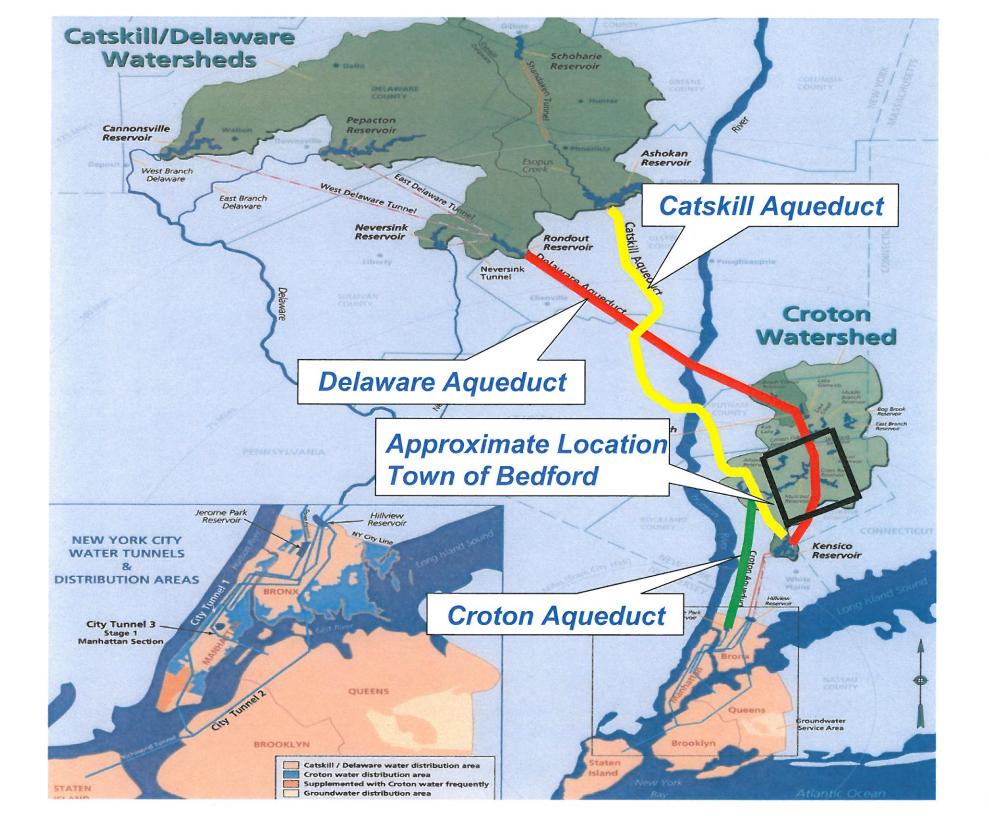
- Treat existing wells
- Install additional groundwater wells
- Obtain supply from neighboring communities including Mount Kisco and New Castle
- Connect to the New York City Water Supply System

## Selected Alternative

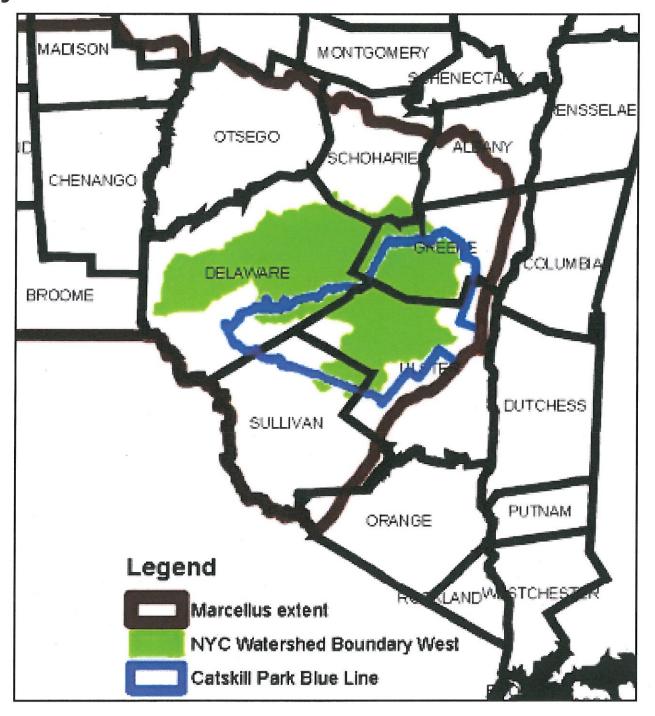
- NYCDEP Delaware Aqueduct connection in Katonah
  - Long term, high quality, protected supply
  - Close proximity to existing distribution system
- Microfiltration treatment
  - Small footprint, low percentage of waste generated
- Energy Efficient, LEED Silver facility
- Partner with NY Department of Corrections for combined facility and economy of scale

#### Bedford Consolidated Water District Filtration Plant Scheduled Completion Summer 2012





#### Overlay - NYC Water Shed and Marcellus Shale



### Potential Impacts of Hydro-Fracking

- The NYC West of Hudson Watershed is a rural, protected area which keeps the water supply clean and reduces the need for drinking water treatment
- Risks of hydro-fracking include significant water consumption, wastewater generation, use of toxic chemicals, groundwater and well water contamination, deforestation, road building and surface water runoff from large industrial sites.
- This process must be controlled and managed to maintain a clean water supply to NYC and the 85% of Westchester County that obtains supply from NYC

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